

Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2025

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Jim Geleta, Seth Pritchett, Erik Mahler, & Shannon Trostle

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chair Kellett was noted as absent.

Public Comment

Mr. Pritchett & Mr. Mahler requested Bigham Road be vacated due to tourists stopping and viewing birds along their property and speeding. Mr. Trostle agreed there are a lot of bird watching along this road. Mr. Fenicle stated there is a process in the PA Second Class Township Code to request a road be vacated, and they would need to follow that process. Chief of Police DeWitt recommended setting up the new speed sign on Bigham Road first to get speed data. He also stated that drivers are permitted to park along Bigham Road if it does not cause a dangerous situation. The Township's Code does not prohibit parking along this road. The Board agreed to set up the speed sign along Bigham Road for two to three weeks to collect data.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of February 19, 2025, regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Monthly Expenses

Mr. Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$9,137.62 from the General Fund and \$4,181.81 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Manager & Road Reports

Mr. Gulden read the Manager's report. The Manager completed the following tasks in February:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.

- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- 1x bank deposit.
- 2024 MS-965 municipal liquid fuels report.
- 2x zoning permits:
 - 1x patio with roof.
 - 1x permit extension.
- 2x zoning exemption forms.
- 2024 sewage permitting paperwork for PA DEP.
- County 2025 emergency preparation call list.
- 1x right-to-know request for 2024 wages.
- Received Coleman subdivision application and started processing. Submitted county review letter.
- Renewed alternative fuels tax permit for charging station.
- Worked on and submitted the PA DCED Greenways and Trails grant for phase 2 of the park.
- Prepared resolution for PLGIT credit card authorization.
- Opened certificate of deposit with PLGIT and other accounts.
- 175 Wenschhof road discussions for zoning compliance.
- Board of Supervisor minutes for February.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for February:

- Clear trees and limbs from roads and berms after high winds. Brush cutting, tree trimming, leaf clearing from ditches and culverts, and trash pickup along roadways.
- Load and prepare trucks ahead of several snow, sleet, and freezing rainstorms. Pre-treated, plowed and antiskid roadways.
- Cleaned up plowed sod along roadways.
- Patched several areas of blacktop that were broken up on Middle Creek Road with cold mix.
- F & L door came to repair the overhead garage door. Some of the brackets and hardware were out of alignment.
- Misc. shop and maintenance work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 104 hours & Steve worked 6.5 hours.

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

EMS

- Adams Regional EMS had 6 calls within the Township in February.

FIRE

- Mr. Buchheit read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 8 calls in the month of February.
- Type of calls:
 - 2 med assists
 - 1 commercial fire
 - 1 large non-dwelling fire
 - 1 inside gas leak
 - 1 inside investigation
 - 1 motor vehicle accident – basic life support
 - 1 chimney fire
- Location of calls:
 - 3 to Frederick County, MD.
 - 2 to Cumberland Township.
 - 2 to Freedom Township.
 - 1 to Mount Joy.

POLICE

- Police Chief DeWitt read February's police report.
 - Hours Worked – 35
 - Patrol/Incident Hours – 29
 - Admin Hours – 6
 - Total Citations – 9
 - Traffic Warnings / FEC – 12
 - Total Arrest's – 1 (DUI / Drugs)
 - Traffic Details – 1
 - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
 - Traffic Enforcement:
 - Emmitsburg Road – 9 hours
 - Bullfrog Road – 3 hours
 - Pumping Station Road – 0 hours

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Consider approval of moving all Township bank accounts & funds from ACNB Bank to PLGIT.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to move all Township bank accounts & funds from ACNB Bank to PLGIT. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

B. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-06, opening a PLGIT credit card account.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-06 with a monthly credit card limit of \$10,000.00 per employee (Manager & Road Superintendent). The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.